

I am gravely concerned about the rules you are to reconsider on June 2, specifically the prospect that limits on consolidation of media ownership might be removed.

The apparent consolidation in media ownership since the 1996 Telecommunications Act itself ought to give the FCC pause before forging ahead. At a very minimum, I feel strongly that the FCC has not made the public sufficiently aware of your upcoming deliberations on these rules to evoke public comment worthy of a democracy. I hope you might consider postponing the deliberation on lifting the ownership restrictions, and in the interim hold current media outlets accountable for informing the public on this issue.

Central to the original telecommunications laws was a commitment to public interest, diversity, localism, and competition. To lift the current restrictions on consolidation of media ownership threatens all of these. The airwaves belong to the public, and license holders have an obligation to contribute to civic dialogue.

This notion of public interest is absolutely essential to maintaining a representative government, government of, by, and for the people, and a viable, engaged democracy in which citizens actively participate.

PLEASE DO NOT VOTE TO LIFT THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ON CONSOLIDATION OF MEDIA OWNERSHIP. PLEASE POSTPONE THESE DELIBERATIONS INSTEAD AND URGE MEDIA OWNERS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES.

Many thanks for your attention to these concerns,

Sincerely,

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